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**PRAIRIE GEM RANCH**

**SEEDS**

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**1954 Crop**

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## SEEDS OF NATIVE PLANTS

especially of the High Plains, Badlands and Black Hills, harvested in 1954.

A select list of new and choice items, these are the "wildflowers" of relatively dry regions. As in their native homes they choose well drained soils and situations, similar placing assures their success in the garden. Further cultural details may be noted in our plant catalog.

All seeds require steady moisture for germination. Certain Penstemons and others are aided by months of freezing but most Great Plains seeds may be germinated freely indoors, or outside in spring, with adequate moisture.

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### Hardy Perennials, packet 25c, except as noted:

*Allium geyeri*. New, clear light pink clustered heads, height commonly 10", June.

*Allium textile*. Pleasant umbels of green striped white. 6", May.

*Androstephium caeruleum*. Bulb, blue flowered, in umbels, May. 6".

*Aquilegia latiuscula*. Red and yellow Columbine better suited to dry situations than *canadensis*.

*Aster batesi*. Charming tiny flowered blue-lavender in long racemes. 24". May be sheared low.

*Aster meritus*. Much admired pinkish violet in flat topped racemes. July, 10".

*Astragalus missouriensis*. Showy purple-red spikes, May, 5", spread 12" or more.

*Astragalus spatulatus*. Cushion plant to 4", May, sheeted with clustered heads of bright purple.

*Camassia esculenta*. Bulb, very lovely spikes of soft blue, May. 12".

*Calochortus nuttalli*. Bulb, like a 3-petaled tulip, white marked gold and maroon. 12", June.

*Chrysopsis villosa*, Golden Aster. Scintillating all-gold masses, September. Grayish 12" plant.

*Delphineum menziesi*. 12" branching plant, rich deep blue blossom, May, June. Tuberous.

*Echinacea angustifolia*. Bold pink daisies, mahogany centered. 12 to 16", July. Splendid show.

*Gutierrezia sarothrae*, Golden Dome. Rounded vivid green bushlet, turning to gold, Sept. 12".

*Hedeoma camporum*, Pennyroyal. Little lavender florets in long season. Fine fragrance, 8".

*Ipomoea leptophylla*, Bush Morning-glory. Very large bush, handsome purple-pink, long season.

*Iris missouriensis*. Slender silvery blue, 10 to 16", late June. Easy, delightful.

*Lewisia rediviva*, Bitter-root. Glorious stemless blossoms of rich carmine pink, June, 4".

*Liatris aspera*. Magnificent tall Blazing Star, of very large heads, Sept. Purple of course.

*Liatris intermedia*. Large headed, var. of *squarrosa* of dwarf stature, 15". Sept.

*Liatris ligulistylis*. Usually 12 to 20", with inch wide heads of fine purple, July.

*Liatris punctata*, Dwarf Gayfeather. Small heads closely set in spikes. August, 14", fine.

*Liatris pycnostachya*. Long erect spikes closely set with small heads of silvery purple. To 36".

*Nuttallia decapetala*, Evening Star. Ten-pointed 4" creamy stars, summer nights. To 24".

- Oenothera caespitosa*. Large flowered white stemless evening primrose. Long season.
- Penstemon angustifolius*. Melting deep azure, wide closely packed spires, June, 12". Glaucous.
- Penst. angustifolius*, very beautiful albino. 35c.
- Penst. glaber*. Deep blue, large flowered, July. 18 to 24". Foliage dark.
- Penst. grandiflorus*. Very large rich lavender, June. 30" or more. Plant glaucous.
- Penst. grandiflorus*, albino, a treasure among white flowers. About 20% true. 35c.
- Penst. nitidus*. Brilliant blue, May. Extra select dwarf strain, 8". Glaucous plant. 35c.
- Penst. secundiflorus*. Large reddish lavender, handsome ascending spikes to 18". Glaucous.
- Phlox alyssifolia*. Large flowered pink, selected forms. Creeping, 4". (Few packets.) 50c.
- Phlox alyssifolia*. Creamy white albino. 50c. (Packet or two.)
- Sideranthus spinulosus*. Glowing yellow asters, Sept. Grayish prickly bushlet, 4 to 6".
- Viola nuttalli*. Brilliant yellow violet of the sun-drenched prairies, long season. For poor soil.
- Yucca glauca*. Northern-most yucca. bayonets to 20", creamy or greenish white pendant lilies, to 36".
- Yucca neomexicana*. Smallest yucca, shorter bayonets. Similar inflorescence. Hardy.

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#### Hardy Cacti, at 25c the packet

- Coryphantha vivipara*. Ball, to 3 or 4", crown of silky carmine flowers, June.
- Echinocereus viridiflorus*. Barrel, to 4 or 5", glossy green-yellow blossoms, May. '53 seed, 18c
- Neobesseya missouriensis*. Ball, to 2" or more. Blossoms straw, yellow or orange tint. May.
- Opuntia aurea*. A beaver-tail with illuminated rich yellow blossoms. Spineless. Quite hardy.
- O. fragilis*. The midget prickly pear with yellow blossoms 2" or more wide. 3". June.
- O. humifusa*. 4" flowers, selection with handsome crimson based petals. Late June.
- O. phaeacantha*. Very large pads, yellow blossoms. Hardy if shriveled.
- O. pollardi*. Rather small pads of bright green, large flash of scarlet on yellow petals. Hardy.
- O. polyacantha*. Very spiny kind, blossoms in shades of yellow.
- O. polyacantha*, fine carmine flowered, 35c.
- O. rhodantha*. Wonderful deep rich carmine pink. Hardy selection from Utah. (Few packets.)
- O. "Desert Splendor."* (Species uncertain.) Magnificent carmine-crimson. Hardy.

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#### Hardy Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet

- Atriplex canescens*, Salt Bush. Good all season effect in gray-green. To 20". Alkaline soil.
- Chrysothamnus graveolens*. Rabbit Brush. 36". Ablaze with goldenrod-like bloom, Sept.
- Rosa arkansana*, J. W. Fargo. Very lovely double pink wild rose. Seeds give some doubles. 16".
- Rose, Mrs. Mina Lindell. Wild tetraploid, 20 to 36". Semi-double, vivid carmine crimson.



From crop of 1953, packet 18c.

Owing to the short list above, due to a difficult season, the following are listed, all believed to be viable.

*Achillaea lanulosa*. Diminutive yarrow of exceptional whiteness, in umbels to 8".

*Agastache anethiodora*, Anise Hyssop. Fragrant tall herb with purple spikes all summer.

*Allium recurvatum superbum*, Pagosa Onion. Showy pink, to 20", July. Leaves flattish.

*Antennaria campestris*, Pussy Toes. Inch-high dark green carpeter, grayish blossoms to 7".

*Argemone intermedia*, Prickly Poppy. White 4" crinkled silken blossoms all summer. To 24".

*Asclepias pumila*. Prolific umbels of off-white to 8". Attractive dense foliage.

*Astragalus crassicaarpus*, Buffalo Pea. Pastel raspberry clusters, bright plum-like fruits. Low.

*Aster kumleini*. Fine blue to purple masses with golden eyes, Sept. 12 to 15".

*Aster laevis*. Of shady places, to 30" or more, a fine lavender-blue. Non-spreading.

*Aster ptarmicoides*. Clear white, cream centered. 10 to 14", July, August. Non spreading.

*Calochortus macrocarpus*. Bulb, Striking pointed segments of rich lavender, purple spotted. 15".

*Dalea aurea*. Unique inflorescence of silvery green with light gold, prairie clover style.

*Dalea enneandra*. Distinct, odd and beautiful, of slender airy effect, blossoms silvery. 30".

*Erigeron caespitosus*. Three-fourths-inch fine white little daisies, June, July, 6".

*Erigeron glabellus*. White to purple, mainly lavender, July, August, 10 to 14". Evergreen.

*Lathyrus ornatus*, Sand Pea. Large blossoms, purple-rose banners, white to pink wings. 6".

*Malvastrum coccineum*, Flame Mallow. Arresting little spires of salmon-scarlet, 8", summer.

*Penstemon albidus*. Large flowered white, to 14".

*Penstemon aridus*. Delightful gem of medium blue, June, 8". Small cushion, many spikes.

*Penstemon virens*. One of the most beautiful, purple-blue, 8 to 10". Small glossy leaves.

*Solidago mollis*. Select low type. Billowy goldenrod heads, to 10", Sept. Grayish foliage.

*Solidago pallida*. Fragrant, lovely plumes of light gold, Sept. 16 to 20". Non spreading.

*Solidago pulcherrima*. Beautiful arching rods of richest gold, Sept. 10 to 14". Non-spreading.